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120th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF

Andrew Jackson Davis

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FOR THE RECORDS

Being a complete account of his birth, early life, and his entire earthly career.

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The Great Seer

Andrew Jackson DAVIS

One of the most notable persons ever to be associated with the movement of Modern Spiritualism was The Great Seer, Andrew Jackson Davis. The purpose of publishing these precise particulars is to avoid any future disputes whenever any history of our movement may be published.

The exact date of his transition was the morning of January 13th, 1910. The place, his residence, 50 Summer St., Watertown, Massachusetts.

For the same purpose let it be recorded that Davis never recanted, quibbled, qualified, or in any way denied his remarkable powers, his early history, and his abiding faith in spirit-return, and the reality of that other state of existence which he so feliciously described as the *Summerland*. He *knew*, and therefore had no doubt as to all he presented to the world.

When and Where

Andrew Jackson Davis was born on the 11th of August, 1826, in *Blooming Grove*, Orange Colony, N. Y. At the earliest period to which his recollection extended he resided with his parents in the township of Hyde Park, Duchess County, N. Y.; and from there he removed with his father to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1838, working with his father at his trade for eighteen months.

His mother, long since passed to spirit-life, was "*one of those gentle beings whose supreme delight it is to mingle in scenes of sickness and sorrow, and to administer to the relief of suffering humanity.*"

Early Circumstances

Neither of *Andrew Jackson Davis'* parents was strongly intellectual, and so did not realize any obligation to give their son any education beyond the simple rudiments. This fact, together with their straitened circumstances, led to the limitation of the boy's education to five months in the district school. He could read imperfectly, write a fair hand, and do simple sums in arithmetic.

From early youth, he was engaged in manual employments, contributing by his earnings and affectionate attention to the family support. He had no knowledge of science, literature, or history. He was never known to frequent public libraries or to take up a book for serious study. He read little, and that chiefly juvenile works, light romances, and, as estimated by a friend, not over 400 or 500 pages of this.

Twenty-six Volumes

It will thus be seen that Davis gave no sort of hint in his early years of possessing those wonderful psychic faculties which have made him one of the greatest literary marvels of the times.

But for the apparently fortuitous visit of a mesmeric lecturer to the village in which Davis lived the world might never have heard of him, nor literature been enriched with the *twenty-six* marvelous works he has left, which are his noblest, as they will be his ever-enduring monument.

The history of psychical illuminations contains no rarer romance than the life story of the author of these splendid volumes.

A Mesmeric Subject

It appears that in 1843 a *Mr. Grimes*, a lecturer on animal magnetism, excited some attention in Poughkeepsie, and young Davis presented himself as a subject, but the operator failed to mesmerize him.

Later on, in a shop of *Mr. Levingston*, he yielded easily to the magnetic passes of that gentleman, and soon disclosed powers of clairvoyance truly wonderful. These were tested in many ways. He was required to read wth bandaged eyes the pages of a closed book, to go to places he had never seen and describe them, all of which he succeeded in doing.

His Healing Career

After submitting for some months to these tests in *Mr. Levingston's* house, to gratify curiosity or to establish the fact of clairvoyance, the young seer, while in the mesmeric state, protested against being used longer in this way, informing *Mr. Levingston* that the great purpose of his powers in their present state of development was to enable him to examine and prescribe for the diseased.

Soon after this young Davis gave up his apprenticeship with *Mr. Armstrong*, and, with *Mr. Levingston* as his magnetizer, entered on his healing career. He was at once surprisingly successful, and within the next few years many thousands flocked to him for those remarkable delineations of their condition which his clairvoyant vision enabled him to give, and for the appropriate remedies he prescribed.

Soon after this, his scientific powers became immensely unfolded, so that there seemed to be no science the general principles of which, and even its minutiae, he did not apprehend and comprehend while in his abnormal condition. He also began about this time to present many novel and highly interesting views concerning the nature and powers of the human soul.

On the seventh of March, 1844, *Davis* fell into the abnormal condition without any magnetic process, and for nearly two days seemed insensible to external things, living in the interior world. Yet during this period he traveled long distances without any apparent fatigue. During this time, too, he received information of a very general character as to his future and his peculiar mission to the world.

Practices Medicine

Quite naturally, under the circumstances of the case, Davis became widely known and much talked about. From March, 1844, to April, 1817, he continued his medical practice and gave great satisfaction to a multitude of patients.

Up to August, 1845, he continued under Mr. Levingston as magnetizer, who was not possessed of scientific or philosophic knowledge which he could have in any way imparted to the young clairvoyant. Nor did Mr. Levingston possess a library from which the young man might have abstracted the medical lore and philosophic knowledge so manifested in his treatments of the sick and in his inspired utterances.

Twice a day Davis was entranced in order to treat patients, and his spare time outside these engagements was spent in manual exercises, walking, visiting friends, and playing on the accordion.

Amazing Technique

William Fishbough, who met him at Poughkeepsie, July, 1844—*young Davis was then eighteen*—declares he had "*almost no acquaintance with books*," and was totally uninstructed in the arts and conventionalities of the world. He heard the young man while clairvoyant examine a number of his patients, and declares that the hu-

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RARE DAVIS COLLECTION ON DISPLAY AT LILY DALE

During July and August, 1945, a rare collection of some of Davis' personal possessions will be on display at The Psychic Observer offices, No. 5 Melrose Park, Lily Dale, N. Y. This display was loaned by Frank S. Bigelow, Liberty, Maine. The collection (See Psychic Observer, June 25th, 1945) includes Davis' surgical kit, black broadcloth cape, black satin vest, and a cane inscribed as being originally owned by General Andrew Jackson.

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SPIRITUALIST MEETS CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Psychic Observer

The picture above was taken in China. It shows GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK and MAJOR PAUL BRITT at a U. S. Army headquarters. Major Britt is the husband of Colleen O. Britt, author of the book, "Byron, Station to Station," which describes how their deceased son, Byron, was able to prove his identity. The article below gives an account of the early psychic experiences of Major and Mrs. Britt.

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MY SON LIVES

Evidence of personal conscious survival received through the mediumship of Rev. Lula Taber at a materialization seance.

"DEAD" SON USES MORSE CODE

By COLEEN O. BRITT
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Lincoln, Nebraska

Materialization, scientifically understood, is psychic phenomena which gives the *thinking* individual the factual basis for a livable and more believable religion. Demonstrations of materialization, properly analyzed, affords conclusive proof of life after what we call death.

Spiritualism expressed through materialization and direct-voice seances, is not only a religion but a science which invites each one of us to *see* as well as believe, rather than to just go on blindly.

Reasonable and believable religious truths are what people need today, but have been unable to find. The truths have always been there but due to superstition and the lack of proper understanding, these same truths have not reached the majority of the people.

From the experiences of my husband and myself we know the above statement to be *fact*. We were raised in a strict church environment; each taking an active part for years. We did so, just as thousands of others, because we had been taught it was the proper thing to do.

Always Searching

However, like many other thousands, we did not seem to get upliftment, nor did we sense we were being helped by our former religion. Because some apparently conscientious, or perhaps ambitious minister gave a mental picture of a beautiful rose-covered Heaven—if we were good, and dark painful stories of Hell—if we were bad, the thought of religion as a real living thing did not seem to impress us.

In our hearts we did not believe the Bible as usually presented and explained, and what's more after due investigation we found out that there were many more individuals who felt *just* as we did. We felt a need for religion deeply *but*, religion as we had found it in no way satisfied that need.

I have definitely come to the conclusion that religion as it has been, and is widely preached and understood, offers no real comfort when our loved ones pass on: and this is the very time we need its comfort most. Orthodox rituals take us to the grave where we are supposed to say farewell in deep despair. The average narrow-minded clergyman offers no hope of ever again seeing or hearing the ones we love.

Our Son Tries

How different the change we call death becomes when Spiritualism is understood. Most Spiritualists not only *believe* but *know*. For my part, I too, *know* because our very own son Byron told us.

When Byron went over to the Spirit side, at the age of sixteen, I was beside myself with grief. I searched but could find no source of comfort.

A week after his passing, Byron's father and I were riding over a quiet road in the Ozarks, when to our ears came clearly the sound of what we believed to be the Morse code. We both were startled. My husband stopped the car so that we might be sure we were actually hearing something. The code continued for several minutes, we were sure of that but we drove on . . . wondering.

Byron was an amateur radio operator and when the silence was broken we talked over the fact that the code we had just heard was fa-

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George Owen

HOW THE PASSING OF HIS CHILD CHANGED HIS LIFE

Skepticism of a Welsh miner succumbs to the reality of psychic phenomena.

Leading continental mediums are guests in his home.

By A
Psychic Observer Reporter

The *Psychic Observer*, having "discovered" *George Owen*," asked him to give some account of his long labor for the Cause of Spiritualism in Great Britain. He agreed, saying that he would also tell how he had his eyes opened to the unseen realities of life by investigating psychic phenomena.

The passing of his 2-year-old child, *Vida Corona Owen*, aroused him from a stupor of indifference and caused him to feel a burning desire to know what had happened to her. She had seemingly been snatched from him in a cruel way —just as a bud is cut as it is beginning to blossom in the garden of life.

Filled with Uncertainty

Mr. Owen said he wanted to know if his child lived after death, where she had gone, and where she was now. He had been brought up in the *Angelican Church* (Church of England), and thought that by simply attending church on Sunday and listening to sermons he would be able to go to the right place after *Judgment Day*.

The death of his child shattered his church-going habit. It caused him to begin to think and wonder about death. He asked the clergy of his church where the child had gone. (They had christened her not long before and had also preached her funeral). He was told she was in heaven. Where was heaven, they were asked? Is it near us here, or beyond the stars? They could not say but told him to hope and have faith that his child was in a better world. These answers, he told them, gave him neither light nor comfort, for they were vague and filled with uncertainty.

Firm Conviction

When on the point of plunging into the darkness of total unbelief in religion, a cultured and learned Spiritualist, of 40 years' experience, came in a strange way into Mr. Owen's life.

This man told what he had seen of *psychic phenomena* and explained how he had received positive proof of a life after death.

Mr. Owen knew nothing of this subject. He had been taught that there was nothing in it but deceit, trickery and imagination. However, this man's sincerity, wide knowledge and scholarly learning rang with the tone of firm conviction. He was so impressed that he decided to investigate psychic phenomena and see for himself if the claim of Spiritualists was true or not.

Favorably Impressed

With his brother-in-law, *Wm. Foster*, they set out to do that. There were Spiritualist meetings in his home town in *South Wales, Pontypridd;* but it was thought best to go to meetings in a strange place where they were not known —so they went to Cardiff, twelve miles away.

The service impressed them with its reverent atmosphere, spiritual singing, and an address that differed greatly from the general church sermons, for it took them into new fields of thought that stirred the mind into feverish activity. This experience induced an intense hunger for more knowledge on the matters treated in the address. Clairvoyant messages followed, which they did not understand. Both watched closely for signs of a trick but they found no loop holes.

Evidence Accumulates

It was announced at the end of the meeting that a seance would be held at the home of one of the members of the Spiritualist Church in Cardiff — giving the address. They asked if strangers could attend this seance. Being told they could, they decided to go.

Both went to the seance merely to see what it was like, feeling sure that they would discover the tricks, if any were done. They told no one who they were, for they wished to keep that a secret. About 15 persons were present, men and women, and all sat in the form of a circle.

A *Miss Johnson*, who later became the wife of *Ernest Oaten*, now editor of "*The Two Worlds*," began describing persons she said she could see in the other world. She gave Mr. Owen a vivid and correct description of his uncle, who died 15 years earlier. The medium gave details about his Uncles personality and habits.

Reality of Phenomena

Then Mr. Owen's brother-in-law had his grandfather correctly described to him. Both the uncle and grandfather passed away before Miss Johnson, the medium, was even born.

Both left that seance baffled, Mr. Owen said, but they knew that what they had been told was *not* trickery. That much was clear. They had sense enough to know that tricks could not explain what had been done by that medium. Both saw that the subject deserved more study and so they continued their investigations.

They attended meetings to hear lectures, trance and inspirational discourses on the great problems of death and the life beyond. They attended seances with different mediums and also began to read books and periodicals on the subject.

In due time both became convinced of the reality of psychic phenomena. At this point, Mr. Owen felt an impelling desire to read and study. Up to then he read very little other than looking over the daily newspaper. In a sense he lived sort of a drab life but the passing of his child caused him to become fully alive.

Entire Life Changed

This change was his resurrection from the tomb of "worldly" living—living only the outer life. Somehow, his life was transformed at once. The death of his child shook him from the slumber of self-sufficient contentment with its deadly inertia of the mind. After having only lived the outer life until then, the inner life now hungered for food to enable it to grow and expand.

This change in Mr. Owen's life took place in 1904, over 40 years ago. With others, he took a leading part in organizing the Spiritualist Societies in Wales. As its secretary, he planned propaganda meetings with leading mediums from all parts of Britain.

Working in a South Wales coal mine by day, he labored at night to pass on the light to others. Through his writings in Spiritualist publications, he became nationally known; was elected a member of the Executive Council of the *Spiritualists' National Union* at the Annual Conference in Glasgow in 1916.

Famous Crewe Circle

Psychic pictures were popular at that time so Mr. Owen sat for several spirit pictures with *Vearncombe* at Cardiff, and with *Hope* of the famous *Crewe Circle*. It was while attending one of these circles in 1919 that *Sir William Crookes received* a picture of his wife. Sir William treasured this picture so much (as recorded in his official biography) that he would not show it to anyone—save very close friends—on the ground that he held it too sacred to be made public.

It was with *Vearncombe* in Cardiff, May, 1915, that Mr. Owen received a very striking spirit picture of his mother. Though usually the pictures Vearncombe had were of faces only, his mother appears very plain in full form. (See photo this page.) Naturally, he treasures this.

F.D.R. Comments

When President Roosevelt's mother died, Owen sent him a copy of this picture with a letter of condolence. The President signed (F. D.R. signature on file at Psychic Observer office) his initials on the picture with the words, "*very interesting.*"

In 1920, Mr. Owen wrote a book for the purpose of enabling the man-in-the-street to have some idea of psychic science, the nature of man, death and the life beyond as shown by psychic philosophy. The manuscript won warm approval from both *Sir A. Conan Doyle* and *Sir Oliver Lodge* but was told conditions in England at the time, due to the war and mass idleness, prevented its publication.

Knew Lodge and Doyle

During the time Mr. Owen was active in Spiritualist work he travelled much over Great Britain to attend Council Meetings of the National Union. He knew many of the leading figures of that day who were active in the Cause of Spiritualism and worked with many of them on the lecture platform.

He wrote for "*The Two Worlds*," Manchester; "*Light*," London, and the "*Psychic Gazette*," London. He knew *J. J. Morse*, famed trance medium and early editor of "*The Two World*," also *Dawson Rogers* former editor of "*Light*" and *John Lewis*, editor of "*Psychic Gazette.*"

Leading mediums and Spiritualists of Britain were known to him, and many were guests at his home. He recalls a few of these: *Aaron Wilkinson*, psychic, who gave seances for *Sir Oliver Lodge; J. Arthur Hill; Hanson G. Hey*, secretary of the Spiritualists' National Union; *E. W. Wallis and Mrs. Wallis*, trance mediums, London; *Horace Leaf*, lecturer and clairvoyant, London; *Jennie Walker* of Canada and London, lecturer and clairvoyant; *George Harris* Cardiff; and *Evan Powell*, who gave many seances to Sir A. Conan Doyle. He also attended a seance with a medium who gave materializing circles for *Queen Victoria.*

In some strange way Mr. Owen lapsed into a state of inactivity after intense activity. Through this, he decided to leave Wales with his family and go to America where he expected to find a wider field for activity in the field of psychic research and Spiritualism.

However, since his arrival in the states, he has not been able to follow his chosen work. This 20 years of inactivity, experienced by Mr. Owen, has him wondering whether or not this has been a period of testing, so to speak, preparatory to some unseen psychic work in store for him.

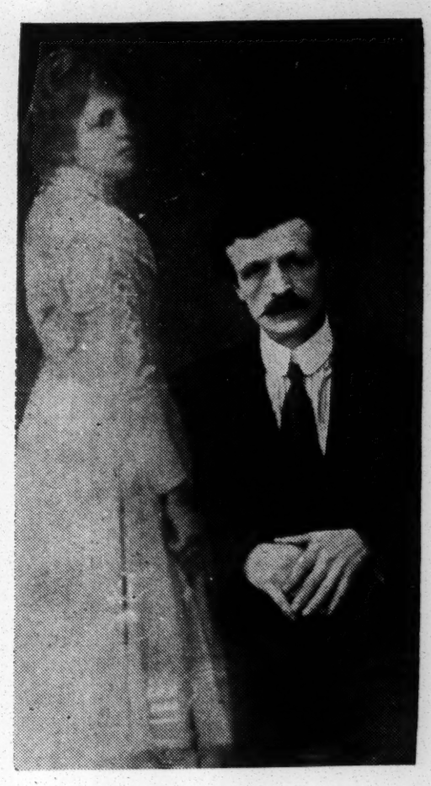
Read and Study!

It may be, he speculates, that the *Psychic Observer "discovered"* him so that he could help spread truth and light which would emancipate people from the prison of spiritual slumber.

Owen feels that people are in great need of knowledge about the meaning of death, which can only be received from the philosophy and demonstrations propagated by the Spiritualist movement and so during the last few months, he has felt it his duty to help. It may be that his "*discovery*" by Mr. Pressing in New York City on April 4, 1945, just 20 years after he landed in New York on the shores of the new world (April 3, 1925), may mark the end of his period of inactivity.

It is Mr. Owen's utmost desire to make one of the greatest truths in this world known to all people —the truth that, by means of psychic phenomena, proof can be given, which will solve the problem of the ages. This proof can be obtained by anyone who takes the trouble to make their own individual quest. "*READ, STUDY and INVESTIGATE! — No one can do it for you,*" says Mr. Owen.

THIS SPIRIT PICTURE WAS SENT TO F. D. R.



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"VERY INTERESTING"—this was the comment made by the late President Roosevelt when he acknowledged the receipt of the above photograph. The comment was made in a communication sent to George Owen when F. D. R. returned the picture to him. The picture was sent shortly after F. D. R.'s mother passed away.

Mr. Owen, who now resides in The Harris Bldg., Honesdale, Pa., claims that, in the picture above, the spirit woman standing beside him is that of his "Dead" mother. It was received in 1915, at Cardiff, Wales, through the mediumship of VEARCOMBE, noted psychic photographer of the day.

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Some Misconceptions of And Objections to
SPIRITUALISM

If Spiritualism is of the Devil, and it is he who is deluding us, where are the good angels that they do not deliver us?

To hold such a belief argues that the goodness of God is a fable, and hell more powerful than heaven.

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The power of God renders all the phenomena of this earth possible.

By W. H. EVANS
Author of
"PHILOSOPHY OF SPIRITUALISM"
and
"HOW TO BE A MEDIUM"

Despite the fact that modern Spiritualism has been in existence over ninety-seven years, there are many misconceptions prevalent in the minds of those who are outside our movement. That people have such hazy notions regarding this subject reveals not only ignorance, but wilful blindness. For the means of knowing something of this subject are so many, and its literature so voluminous, that practically no excuse exists for any one remaining in ignorance of it.

Something must be allowed for prejudice, and this shows the need of keeping an open mind and reserving our judgment. It is strange when one reflects upon it, that a science which claims to prove the existence of the spirit beyond death should excite the antagonism of those whose duty it is to preach this as dogma. One would have thought that anything which would throw light upon this profound problem would have been welcomed by the clergy.

The Will of God?

But professional etiquette is piqued when any set of individuals, outside of its professed domain, claim a greater knowledge than those who have made a specialty of such study possess. We can forgive them, for we know that the theological mind is a fearful and wonderful thing.

The first misconception that we shall invite you to consider is *"That Spiritualism is contrary to the will of God."* The assumption at the root of this objections is that the protester *knows* the will of God. Although he will in one breath tell you that the ways of God are past finding out, yet he assumes a knowledge of these same ways, which, to the plain, matter of fact mind, is a contradiction.

But then, the ways of God are *not* past finding out. We are always finding out the ways of God. Every new law of nature revealed by research; every fresh discovery in the various seances, are a revealment of the ways of God. No one can say what the will of God includes or excludes.

Dead NOT Disturbed

Such objectors are generally believers of the Bible. Every line and verse of this Book is to them redolent of Divine wisdom. They are like the proverbial ostrich They bury their heads in the past and ignore the trend of present day thought, and lose the beauty which the higher criticism is revealing in this much misunderstood Book.

One thing is missed by these people. If God be omnipotent and omnipresent, nothing can occur without the permission of God. It is the power of God which renders all the phenomena of this universe possible, and nothing can occur outside the sphere of deific influence. God is all in all.

The next to consider is, *"That we disturb the dead."* A great deal of confusion exists in the minds of people regarding the state of those who have passed away. Many imagine they are resting in the grave; others that the dead are in some state of limbo awaiting the Resurrection: some that the dead are in Heaven, or—the other place.

Theologians Wrong?

Of the actual condition of those who have passed away no one knows but the Spiritualist. He does know a trifle; he does not profess to know all. But he gets his information from the man who lives in the spirit world, and that man should know.

But the fact is, we do not disturb the dead. When the knockings occurred at Hydesville the Fox family regarded it as most undesirable. But the so-called dead were persistent. It was the dead (?) who disturbed the living. It was they who, perceiving the crass materialism into which the world was rapidly sinking, deemed it necessary to give the theological world a shake to get out of the rut of sacerdotal materialism.

God bless the so-called dead for the effort, which has met with such splendid success. It was those whom the theologians considered ought to be at rest who disturbed us, to our grateful joy and gladness.

The Atheist's Savior

Now we come to a strange idea. *"We do not believe in God."* I have often been puzzled about this. The very name of Spiritualism conveys a belief in God. Spirit. *God is Spirit.* How, then can anything which pertains to the spiritual be other than revealment of God? The statement that Spiritualists do not believe in God is fallacious and absurd.

Many, who were agnostics and doubtful of the existence of God; many who were atheists and did not believe in God's existence at all, have been won by Spiritualism to a belief in God and His beneficence.

Spiritualism has indeed won for itself the name of the atheist's saviour, a name which Christianity had lost. Surely this is a compliment hard won and well deserved.

Next comes the notion that *"The phenomena of Spiritualism cannot be the production of spirits because a spirit cannot move material."* Those who hold this idea have a hazy notion of what spirit is. When questioned as to the matter they can give no clear idea of spirit at all. It is immaterial, a vapor, a breath, a no-thing.

"God Is Substance"

I have even heard people say when asked what their idea of spirit was, *"Well, er, it's nothing."* Then one asks them whether they can conceive of nothing? and their faces are so blank as to be the nearest approach they can get to their idea.

Let us examine this. We are spirits now. That is, we are spirits *with bodies.* Our bodies are under the control of our spirits; we walk, talk, digest food and perform a thousand and one things with our bodies. Our bodies are material. Our spirits, according to our sciolistic friends, are nothing.

Now how can no-thing move some-thing? The absurdity at once displays itself. No one knows really what matter and spirit are, but we agree that both are substance. Hence *Andrew Jackson Davis'* axiom *"God is substance, moving substance."* That is, God the Spirit moves nature or the material universe.

The Seal of Science

Following up this is the objection that *"Spiritualism is unscientific."* Nothing could be further from the truth. If the observing of phenomena and the collating of facts is scientific, then Spiritualism is pre-eminently so. Indeed it is the observation of phenomena and the patient sifting of the evidence that we have got to know what we do about the spirit world.

One may protest that moving tables is unscientific, but the scientific mind would ask, is it true that inanimate articles move apparently of their own volition? Having asked this they would ascertain whether such movements were possible. Now the simple movement of a table by any means unknown to science indicates the existence of a force. It is the duty of science to ascertain that.

When anyone raises the objection that these phenomena are unscientific they display a very unscientific mind. It is too late in the day to raise this objection. Scientists are everywhere investigating the science of Spiritualism and putting the seal of science on the subject.

The Lunacy Lie

A fear has been expressed that the study and investigation of this subject will lead people to the lunatic asylum. But a statement of this character demands proof. Spiritualists have in their ranks the cream of the intellectual world. The brainiest men and women are with us. Poets, novelists, legislators, doctors, lawyers, scientists and clergymen. You will find them all in the ranks of Spiritualism.

Now, if you will get the report on Lunacy, up to date, from the Commissioner in Lunacy, you will not find any reference in that bulky volume that Spiritualism leads to insanity. This report covers all asylums, public, private and pauper. From 1878-87 the total number of admissions to asylums in England was 136,478, and of these 3,769 were attributed to religious mania. *None from Spiritualism.* There is a saying about glass houses and stones. People should be so careful.

Who Is the Devil?

Our last, but not the least, misconception is the idea that *"Spiritualism is of the Devil."* This individual has my profound sympathy. It is so burdensome bearing everyone else's burden. This mythical being has been held responsible for nearly every blessing that humanity enjoys. According to some he has given us the printing press, steam, gas, the telegraph and a host of other good things. At least those who keep such bad company and are very intimate with him would have us believe.

But who is the Devil? Who made him? Either the Devil acts with or without the consent of God. If he acts with the consent of God, then God must have some beneficent reason for such action; must in fact by virtue of his Divine love turn all such actions of his satanic majesty to the benefit of humanity.

Absurd Arguments

If, on the other hand, the devil acts without the consent of God, then the devil is the infinite, omnipotent one, and you make God, Who is infinite good, the offspring of infinite evil. Can anything be more absurd.

If Spiritualism is of the devil, and it is he who is deluding us, where are the good angels that they do not deliver us? Where is the goodness of God that He allows His children to be deceived? To hold such a belief argues that the goodness of God is a fable, and hell more powerful than heaven.

VISITING CHESTERFIELD SPIRITUALIST CAMP
August 3rd to 11th, Inclusive

Juliette Ewing Pressing

Juliette Ewing Pressing, editor of Psychic Observer, will visit Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana, August 3rd, through August 11th, 1945. During her stay, she is scheduled for several talks in the Chesterfield auditorium (Aug. 4, 5, 10, 11): those interested in the literature of psychic science and spiritualism can visit the Psychic Observer Book Shoppe at Chesterfield where Mrs. Pressing will aid students to select books most suitable to their needs.

The general trend of Mrs. Pressing's public discourses will be based on her experiences in the psychic field. Her lecture subjects "Gleanings from a Psychic Observer Note Book" will cover the entire field of physical phenomena. She will display a small collection of apports; also some of the Andrew Jackson Davis possessions described in June 25th Psychic Observer.

AMERICA AND REINCARNATION

In 1929, this article appeared in *The International Psychic Gazette* of London:

The *National Spiritualist*, U.S.A., says:

"It is the beauty of Spiritualism that it provides for liberty of thought, accepts the theory that no result is final, that there is even more and greater Truth to be acquired.

"That there are among American Spiritualists many who, as individuals, accept the theory of re-embodiment, is unquestionable. But the great central thought of Spiritualism as accepted by the leaders of the Movement in America is very aptly expressed in one of our small publications entitled. 'What Spiritualism Is and Does,' wherein we read:

"*'It (Spiritualism) teaches that the soul shall progress through endless ages to heights sublime, where God is Love and Love is God.'*

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ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS

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man system seemed to be transparent to his super-sensitive vision.

To the utter astonishment of Mr. Fishbough and others, young Davis was heard to employ the technical terms of anatomy, physiology and *materia medica* as familiarly as household words! He described and reasoned upon with "*exceeding clearness*" the nature, origin and progress of disease and the appropriate remedies.

Meantime the young physician had made medical visits to Bridgeport, Conn., and neighboring cities. In this city, in February, 1845, he met *Dr. S. S. Lyon*, then a successful medical practitioner there, afterwards the magnetizer who was with him during his 157 New York lectures, constituting "*Nature's Divine Revelations*".

Mr. Fishbough goes on to relate that in the following May he was at Bridgeport and met young Davis and Mr. Levingston, and *Rev. S. B. Brittan*, and that during a most interesting conversation with them he heard the young clairvoyant state that he was soon to commence the delivery of a series of lectures and revelations upon subjects which, as we know, were embraced afterwards in "*Nature's Divine Revelations.*"

The following August Davis, while in the clairvoyant condition, voluntarily chose Dr. Lyon to be his magnetizer during the delivery of the lectures. In obedience to this "*call*," Dr. Lyon at once relinquished a remunerative and increasing practice in Bridgeport and removed to New York, where the clairvoyant chose that his lectures should be given.

During his three months' residence in New York, prior to the beginning of his lectures, young Davis was clairvoyant twice a day—at least four hours daily were consumed in his medical treatments. The intervals of his time were occupied in receiving the calls of hundreds who sought his acquaintance, or in visiting his friends, walking, and other engagements of a like character.

He remained, then, up to the commencement of his lectures, the uneducated, unsophisticated child of Nature, entirely free from the creeds, theories, and philosophies of the world; and to this day he has never been inclined to seek the society of scientific men, but has rather avoided them.

On the 27th of November, 1845, Mr. Fishbough, residing then in New Haven, received a note from Dr. Lyon, stated that he (Mr. F.) had been chosen by Mr. Davis, while in the clairvoyant state, as scribe to report and prepare his lectures. This unsolicited honor was at once accepted, and on the next day Mr. Fishbough went to New York, and wrote, at Mr. Davis' dictation, the first lecture of the season.

A Monumental Marvel

By common consent the magnum *opus* of Davis' books is "*The Principles of Nature: Her Divine Revelations, and a Voice of Mankind,*" to give the correct and full title of this wonderful work. We learn that before Mr. Davis began the remarkable lectures and while in the abnormal state, he voluntarily chose three witnesses to be present at the delivery of the lectures, in order to testify of the medium through whom they were given and of the manner of their production.

Unimpeachable Veracity

These were the *Rev. J. N. Parker, Thereon R. Lapham*, and *T. Lea Smith, M.D.*

In addition to these, it may be mentioned that in 1852, when the eighth edition of this wonderful book was printed, there were living twenty-three incidental witnesses who were ready and willing to testify to the source from which, and the manner in which, this famous book came into the world. *These witnesses were men of unimpeachable veracity*

From one to six visitors were admitted at each of the lectures—men desirous of knowing the truth whether it agreed or not with their previous opinions. Soon after the lectures were begun, announcements of the same were made in various publications, and investigation was invited.

The rooms where the clairvoyant was lecturing were freely opened to all—except during the delivery of the lectures—from seven in the morning till ten at night. All questions were candidly answered, and the manuscript lectures were open to the inspection of the curious.

Twenty-three Witnesses

The delivery of this course of lectures occupied fifteen months, and thousands were, during this period, freely admitted to his rooms, yet no one ever discovered any library or scientific treatises, or any natural source from which the profound spiritual, philosophical, and scientific truths concerning the whole natural and spiritual universe could have been given to the shoemaker's apprentice, to be by him given forth to the world!

Here is, indeed, a stupendous fact worthy the deepest consideration of the theologian and the philosopher, and utterly unexplainable save on the ground of present-day inspiration and control.

James Victor Wilson, one of the twenty-three witnesses alluded to, in a published pamphlet on "*Magnetism,*" in speaking of Davis, declared: "*During the past year this uneducated, unsophisticated, and amiable young man has been delivering verbally, day by day, a comprehensive, well-planned, and extraordinary book, relating to all the vast questions of the age, to the physical sciences, to Nature in all her infinite ramifications, to man in his innumerable modes of existence, to God in the unfathomable abysses of his love, power, and wisdom.*

"*No human author, in any department of literature or science, has ever electrified mankind to the degree that the eloquent yet simple reasonings, the lofty and sublime disclosures, will, that constitute this great compend of universal philosophy.*

"*Perhaps over four thousand different persons who have witnessed him in his medical examinations, or in his scientific disclosures, live to testify to the astonishing exaltation of mind possessed by Mr. Davis in his abnormal state.*"

Irrefutible Proof

In addition to the above, let it be noted that this volume containing these lectures, of nearly 800 pages, displays familiarity with the cosmogony, astronomy, geology, ethnology, archaeology, mythology, theology, history, and metaphysics of the various nations, and with their tongues, and classifies and criticises them all, and, in addition, makes flights into regions

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SIX ORDAINED AT TEMPLE OF LIGHT, N. Y. C.

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The picture above was taken at The Temple of Light, 152 West 42nd St., New York City when six candidates were ordained to the ministry of Spiritualism by Rev. C. C. Duke, supreme leader of the Independent Associated Spiritualists. The degree of SUPREME COUNCIL TEACHER was conferred upon Rev. Herman C. Rieker and Rev. Nicolas Plastina. This degree, recognized by law in the State of New York and mentioned on its statute books, is received only after five years of intensive study of The Religion of Spiritualism. FIRST ORDERS of ordination were received by Lena Parker, R. N., Winifred Dawe, Justina Halenar and Bertha Lodge Murtha.

FIRST ROW, left to right: Rev. Marion Owens, J. Halenar, Bertha Murtha and Winifred Dawe. SECOND ROW, left to right: Rev. William C. Owens, Rev. Duke, Rev. Rieker, L. Parker and Rev. Plastina.

MY SON LIVES

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miliar. During his earth life our son was always sending codes which sounded just like that.

However, we soon cast the incident aside . . . crediting it to imagination; yet in our hearts we knew it was real.

A year later, still in despair, I consulted a Medium. She was kind and sympathetic. She explained the philosophy to me and before I left told me that a Materializing Medium, Mrs. Lula Taber, St. Louis, Missouri, who was to be in our city soon.

My husband and I talked it over and decided to arrange to attend her seance. At that time, we were not believers . . . seekers after truth. We knew no one in the seance group which gathered on the appointed evening. Sixteen men and women gathered in a semi-circle in front of the medium, who took her place behind lightweight black curtains. Before closing the curtains, the medium explained briefly the modus-operandi of physical phenomena. The lights were diminished to a dull red glow. We all joined in singing a few songs; then we repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Byron Speaks ! !

In a few moments, a pretty little girl stepped out in full view. She told us she was Star Bright, the medium's guide, and that she would do her best to have a good meeting for us. Numerous Spirit folks appeared and talked that night . . . and then it happened! Byron, our son, came to us, gave his name, kissed us and said he was happy. We felt the first mental relief experienced since he passed from this life. Before this seance, most of my time had been spent in tears and morbid existence; now I could even sing the songs.

After *seeing* him many times thereafter and *hearing* his voice repeatedly in trumpet (direct-voice) seances, I am convinced that there should be no sorrow for the one who has passed to spirit side for "over there" they can be far happier than they ever could be here. They can do many more things, go many more places, and *live* a more interesting and satisfying life.

Byron has even played the violin for us several times; on one occasion the folks on the floor above heard the music. At another time, he sang me a "Mother Song" unlike any I have ever heard. I do wish I could have remembered the words. At another meeting, I asked him about repeating it but he said that he had just made it up as he went and that he did not remember just what the words were.

Byron Materializes

Recently Byron told us of his sweetheart, Marguerite, and she also talks to us often now, calling us Mother and Father. He says she is blond, dances and sings beautifully, and that they do so many interesting things together.

One of Byron's materializations especially impressed us. He came very close, tipped his head over toward us, and said "Put your hand on my head and feel my hair." *We both did.* It was combed straight back—neat and shiny as he had always worn it. His head was as firm, and the hair felt and looked as natural as yours or mine. He stayed with us several minutes, touched every one in the room and talked in his characteristic pleasing manner. When we talked with Byron concerning the code we had heard months before, he said, "Well, Mother, you were convinced but Daddy wasn't."

I could go on indefinitely and relate many more interesting experiences. Since meeting Mrs. Taber, we have found her to be not only a wonderful medium but also a lovely lady and a devoted Christian Mother. This article had been written because of our feeling of thankfulness to Mrs. Taber, through whose mediumship our son was able to manifest.

I am satisfied. MY SON LIVES. Nothing else could have comforted me.

She Is Holding Materialization Seances at Chesterfield

Psychic Observer

REV. LULA TABER, St. Louis, Missouri; Clairvoyant, Lecturer, Teacher, Direct-Voice and Materialization medium; scheduled during current season (July and August) to demonstrate materialization at Camp Chesterfield, Chesterfield, Indiana.

During the past fall and winter, she was pastor of the First Spiritualist Church, 6th and State St., Columbus, Ohio.

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unexplored before by any human mind.

Mr. Davis' associates at that time unanimously declare that he was totally unacquainted with these subjects in his normal condition until he read his own lectures. Whence, then, had this untaught boy of twenty his learning?

Students of Dr. Davis—and today they are multiplying rapidly among the intelligent classes—assert that he was the chosen mouthpiece of higher intelligences in spirit-life, who voiced through him to humanity the truths of "*Nature's Divine Revelation*," and there is no other theory that can meet and explain the authenticated facts in this case.

The dictation of the book while in a mesmeric trance, nor the character of the contents of this wonderful volume, are not the monumental marvel upon which stress is to be laid, extraordinary as both matters undoubtedly are.

Principles of Truth

The real point involved is that Davis could sufficiently detach himself as a conscious entity from his physical limitations to enter the second sphere, and, all apart from his external educational equipment and intellectual development, either receive from others or obtain for himself and comprehend the vast amount of knowledge which is contained in the volume under notice, for the stupendous fact emerges that if Davis could do so then all other men must latently contain the like possibilities.

A first-hand contact with the eternal principles of truth and fact is the literal outcome of Davis' remarkable experiences. The suggestion naturally arises here, viz., that by the cultivation of our own spiritual powers we can, each for himself, enter the temple of truth and find among the stores therein that which we are most desirous to possess.

A Normal Physician

Here is an extract from an appreciative memoriam notice which appeared in *The Boston Globe* on the day of Dr. Davis' transition:

"*His especial gift was the diagnosis of disease by clairvoyant means. Comparatively late in life, when he was nearly sixty years old, he began the study of medicine, and obtained his degree of M.D. from the U. S. Medical College in New York.*

"*Dr. Davis' methods of diagnosis were peculiar to himself. He did not feel the pulse, or look at the tongue, or take the temperature, or use the stethoscope on his patients, or ask them any questions. He merely put the tips of his fingers on the palm of his patient's hand, and thus 'sensed' his physical condition. Then he prescribed such remedies as his knowledge of therapeutics directed.*

"*He was immensely popular with his patients. Everyone loved him. He was always ready with wise counsel or pleasant jest. He had a keen sense of humor. With his medical and hygienic advice he mingled sound common sense and a great deal of genial, kindly philosophy, so that his patients always went away in a hopeful frame of mind. He was extremely benevolent, and devoted much of his time to patients who could afford to pay little or nothing.*

Memorable Relations

Even as *Swedenborg* had left us numerous memorable relations of his intromissions into the world of spirits, so also has Davis of his visits to, and explorations in, the second sphere. Some will be found in the book already mentioned, others in "*Memoranda of Persons, Places, and Events*," "*The Stellar Key to the Summerland*," "*Death and the After-Life*," "*Events in the Life of a Seer*," and other volumes.

For vividness, actuality, and natural reasonableness in describing the realities of the next state it can be confidently stated that Davis stands unique among all other seers, past or present.

Perhaps the one thing which will endear the memory of this great hearted man to the Spiritualists of the world is the association of his name with the origin of

The Children's Progressive Lyceum

the plan and operation of which he saw when on visits to the second sphere, the details of which he was able to recall and write down upon his return to the normal state.

The Lyceum was not originally specifically attached to, or denominated as of, the Spiritualistic movement, though of course it was derived from the spirit people.

Mr. Davis, in his lecture introducing the Lyceum method, said:

"*This Sunday Meeting of the Young may ,therefore, be appropriately described as 'The Children's Progressive Lyceum.' It is something truer and higher than what is ordinarily called a 'Sunday School.' It embraces within its plan the healthful development of the bodily functions, the conscientious exercise of the reasoning faculties, and the progressive unfolding of the social and divine affections, by harmonious and happy methods.*"

The address, from which the above extract is taken, was delivered in Dodsworth's Hall, 806 Broadway, New York City, U. S., on Sunday, January 25th, 1863, on which date also the first Lyceum was established.

Thus Mr. Davis physically lived to within twelve days of the forty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the Lyceum movement.

That movement had a rapid growth and great success in the land of its origin in the early days of Spiritualism, but in later years it declined almost as rapidly as it at first grew, though today there are signs of a revival of interest in this invaluable work for our children and others.

But it can be said without offense that in no country other than Great Britain has the Lyceum method taken such firm root, nor produced such luxuriant growth of foliage and fruit.

In Conclusion

Andrew Jackson Davis was the most modest and retiring of men. Always reticent in matters pertaining to himself, yet willing to talk about what his wise teachers in the second sphere had shown and taught him. Not in the least mercenary, on the contrary generously benevolent, he literally "*did good by stealth and blushed to find it fame.*"

His books never brought him more than a very modest return, and some years before his passing he was badly victimized by a publishing firm.

His medical practice, and one other source of income, sustained him in comfort, while in the person of his second wife, *Della E. Davis*, he had an ideal companion for the end of his long life journey, for he was in his 84th year of pilgrimage towards the shining shores of the second sphere, and the end came through the infirmities of advanced years, complicated with asthma.

Thousands on earth have missed him, thousands in the Summerland have welcomed him. Let us each hold him dear in our memories as a hero in the fight, the everlasting battle of ignorance against knowledge. Let us hold ever to his Magic Staff:

"*Under All Circumstances Keep an Even Mind.*"

INDEPENDENT DRAWING AT MIAMI

Through the Mediumship of Madge Hart

The picture (right), reproduced from a colored drawing, was received during a series of seances with Madge Hart, 828 N. W. 22nd Place, Miami, Florida. Friends of the late medium, Etta Bledsoe, will remember and recognize her likeness. This evidence of Miss Hart's independent psychic art work is vouched for by Mrs. Robert Draughon, 2285 N. W. 2nd St., Miami, Florida, who states that the picture was made by spirit hands — under a small dark cabinet in the seance room. Paper and crayons were placed in the cabinet and several sittings were necessary before the picture was completed.

Madge HART

Testimony of others present when this picture was made is on file at Psychic Observer office. They are: Katherine Mann, Emma Howard, Sophie Heick, Katherine Hertz, Ruby Lilliard, Mattie Mae Dreyer and Cecile Sweeney, all of Miami.

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Strange Technique of CLAIRVOYANCE

Mediums have strange experiences which they sometimes relate to their friends. There is a lesson in this story and it all happened when a certain medium was demonstrating clairvoyance at a public meeting. Here is her story:

My readings sometimes take a humorous and even a jocular form. The other day I was about to mount the platform to give a lecture on "MEDIUMSHIP," when a man whom I had not seen for several years came to shake hands with me.

We exchanged a few rapid sentences in renewing our acquaintance, when suddenly I felt myself urged to ask him, "HOW IS MADAME ADAM?" My interlocutor looked at me in surprise and replied, "I DO NOT KNOW ANY MADAME ADAM IN THE WHOLE WORLD."

I smiled and said, "THAT WAS MERELY A STUPID IDEA THAT PASSED THROUGH MY HEAD."

However, during my lecture, I glanced at this auditor, who was sitting in one of the front rows, and he seemed overjoyed for, at the close of the meeting he told me this amusing story:

"Now I know who Madame Adam is, but you spoke of her in a manner so original that I did not at once recognize whom you referred to. It is a question of our first mother Eve! During this whole day I have been writing a long article on 'Eve and Eden' for a religious review. When I approached you my mind was still full of this subject, and it is not surprising that you, a clairvoyant, should have sensed that I have been greatly occupied with Eve today! But I scarcely expected her to be called Madame Adam, and that is why I did not understand you immediately. Pardon me!"

One finds that clairvoyant mediumship expresses itself in many ways, even in burlesque, to attain its end. In being forced to speak to this gentleman of Eve, a formula truly comic was employed which you might call a joke. This strange disposition of mediumistic thought is frequent and I should be glad to hear from other mediums whether they have experienced the urge to express themselves in terms of drollery, as in the case just related—ED.

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Money in your pocket,
Take it out and sock it
Into War Bonds, which
Help to make you rich.

WHO? ME?

There was a little dope with a fat pay envelope
And she spent every cent that was in it.
And she wondered, by-and-by,
why the prices rose so high,
But she didn't blame herself for a minute.

INFLATIONARY MARY

Inflationary Mary spills
This silly kind of chatter:
"My little teeny-wee bills
And spendings do not matter:

"And if I cheat a little bit
On rationing and ceilings
The Nation's welfare isn't hit
By my small lawless dealings!"

Inflationary Mary's wrong,
For she'd be much to blame
If people in a mighty throng
Should say and do the same.

Small spendings, in the aggregate,
Reach sums extraordinary,
So let's not try to imitate
Inflationary Mary.

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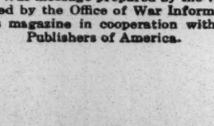

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There was a crooked man and he
lived in crooked style,
He dealt at crooked markets with a
smugly crooked smile.
He viewed himself as clever with
his crooked ration book,
But everybody knew him for a
crooked little crook.

THE GANG'S ALL HERE

You may ask, "Why should *my* spending
Cause inflationary trending
Though I squander every penny I have got?"
—If you're joined by sixty millions
Of civilians blowing billions,
You'll discover that it matters quite a lot!

ONE PERSON CAN START IT!

You give inflation a boost

—when you buy anything you can do without
—when you buy above ceiling or without giving up stamps (Black Market!)
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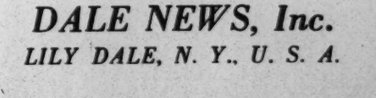

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What Converted Me To SPIRITUALISM

By
MAGGIE WAITE

I was born in New York City. At five years of age I went to reside in San Francisco. I was educated in a convent until I was eighteen. Shortly after I left the convent, I was married. Up to that time I had heard little or nothing of *Spiritualism*, although, from childhood, I could see and hear what I afterwards learned were spirits.

My first experience of the return of the "dead" happened when I was visiting *Ada Toy's* seance, where the spirit of my grandfather was communicating. I felt a pair of hands, very tangible, clutch me around the waist and lift me quite a distance from the floor. Mrs. Toy said she saw the spirit of my grandfather raise me up.

Automatic Writing

The first remarkable occurrence of spirit power came to me through the mediumship of *John Slater* and was the means of converting me to Spiritualism. He repeated to me a conversation that had transpired between my husband and myself; he called me by name when he had never seen me before; he also gave the name of my spirit father.

This greatly aroused my curiosity and I determined to investigate Spiritualism thoroughly. I was advised to join an unfoldment class. The first time I sat in the circle, my hand commenced to write automatically, and wrote in full the name of a spirit who claimed to have passed out of this life two years previous. One of the gentlemen recognized this and said it was the first time he had heard from this spirit since his transition.

Results Thrill Me

Being very much encouraged by this display of my own mediumship I determined to form seances in my own home, which I did. One of the communications that gave me faith, came from the spirit of a little girl who gave her name as *Maude Phillips*. She gave me her father's and mother's address, Jay St., Sacramento, California, telling me she had passed out with diphtheria some years previously, and that

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MAGGIE WAITE, who during her life-time was one of America's outstanding trance and clairvoyant mediums.

Her early psychic career began in St. Louis, Missouri; thirty years before her passing, she resided in Chicago, Illinois.

During the summer months, she lived at Lily Dale, N. Y., where, for nearly forty consecutive years, she carried on her spiritual work. She passed away October 25th, 1937.

there was another little girl in the home now named after her.

The following morning I wrote to the name and address she had given to me, making enquiries if such a child had been in existence and if what she had given me was true.

Imagine my surprise about five days afterwards, when I received a letter from the father of the child corroborating every word given through me.

Power of Healing

Another remarkable evidence of spirit power occurred in 1893. A gentleman came to me by the name of *Alvin McKay*, who was an inmate of the Old Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids. He had been paralyzed on his left side, arms and limbs for a number of years, and was under the care of a prominent physician at the time, who could do nothing with him.

Mr. McKay came to me for a reading at 54 Bostwick St. At the conclusion of his reading, he began to move his fingers and attracted my attention to them, saying he hadn't done *that* in years.

I laughlingly replied that if I had done it once maybe I could do it again, and invited him to come the following day, which he did. On that occasion the entire arm moved.

On the third treatment, which was done in presence of all the members of the society I was then working for, he threw away his crutches and danced the Virginia reel in presence of 600 people at the society's entertainment.

Many Testimonials

Taking his stand on the platform, with tears streaming down his face, he made public his miraculous cure through spirit. He then made an affidavit, which I hold in my possession. It was signed by *Joseph O. Bellair*, notary public.

While giving a communication from the platform at the Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, under the auspices of the Progressive Society, the spirit of a lady came to her husband in the audience, giving her name in full. With her she brought the spirit of a young man, who told me he was living at the time, but that his body was in sleep.

He said he wanted his father, who was in the audience, to forgive him for the wrong he had done. He gave his name as *Frank Higgins*, stating that if his father would write to the postmaster at Cincinnati the letter would be given to him.

The father, who was nearly 70 years of age, arose to his feet, acknowledged the name of his spirit wife. He said his son had done him a serious injury years ago and he did not know whether he was living or not.

Evidential Messages

He said he would follow out the instructions given and write. Four months later, my labors took me to Los Angeles. I was very much surprised to see the same old gentleman there. He arose to his feet in the meeting and asked permission to speak. It was granted.

He said he wrote to the postmaster at Cincinnati, the letter was given to his son, who had answered it, and he was expecting him in a short time to come to live with him in Los Angeles. The most remarkable part, he said, was that his son had no remembrance whatever of coming to me and communicating in any way. This I consider most remarkable.

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CONSOLATION For The LIVING

By
REV. THERESA JOHNSON

How often you have attended the funeral of a friend and found the words of consolation you wished to speak to the relatives would not come easily from your lips. You were sincere in your pity for those who were left alone, yet you could not find words to express this pity and encourage those in grief to be strong and feel the nearness of the released soul. The reason you could not give real consolation, my friends, proves you were not true Spiritualists, for if you were you could have helped to ease that grief from the beginning.

How easy to whisper "Your loved one lives, hears and is hurt by your tears. Your loss is his gain for there is no limit to his progression since the bonds of physical life have been broken. You have contact now with the real self of your loved one. The form you miss was but a hampering bondage to him. Know there is no death spoken of the soul, no walls lie between you two save as you allow the longing and grief for his material expression of life to make you unconscious of his soul life."

We, Also, Must Help

Had you been understanding Spiritualism you could have been convincing, for grief is ever on the alert for consolation. Distress and tears of grief build barriers between the newly made spirit and the living, just as it does distress people to enter a room filled with gloom and sadness. You may speak, may cheer with your visible presence, but a spirit must have help from the living to contact those he loves and expects to find joyous in his freedom from pain and fails to find anything except tears and depression.

If only you can still the grief long enough to have the attention, you will be able to say the words which will help bridge the seemingly wide space between the soul and its loved ones. When you go into a new city your first reaction is to write your relatives about what you see. So it is as natural to want to describe what once appeared mysterious and far away. You've found it easy—that journey—so you are eager to tell some one you know will be wondering how it is with you, but how can you when the ones most interested will not hear.

The Trials of Life

There is the true reason spirits must have understanding helpers or mediums to make the quickest return. Consolation to those still required to go on living on earth comes from knowing time does not need to pass before the spirit can return, but that conditions, simple and easy, must be made. The wiping of teary eyes, the saying "How glad I am that he is free from pain forever." You people have kept cheerful through the illness, but as the end came you gave up to wild grief. You must expect the reaction of the returned soul to be greatly surprised when the ones he remembers cheerful are in gloom. Why? Because he is through the trials of life. He had expected you to see or sense him saying "Be happy. I am able to come to you."

Yes, my friends, learn that consolation for the living helps the new spirits also. They all want to return. But can they? Not unless those they seek are unselfish enough to rejoice at the freedom the soul has attained. There should not be the need for worldly consolation because each one who loves another, be it wife, husband, mother, father, son, daughter or friend, should want the best for those beloved and therefore should feel glad when the richest blessing of all has been granted. True this unselfishness cannot for a time ease the loneliness, the missing of the contact of nearness to a material form, still it can bring the consolation which no friends or sympathy can impart. Tell those who sorrow that he who has left this world has but journeyed to a city of souls from which he will often send love and helpful advice and will later come to take his dear ones back to see as he has seen, the glory of eternal progression.

Ye who would find solace from sorrow and grief,
Go Ye through the door of spiritual relief.
There is no death, save death of flesh so weak,
'Tis not this form, but 'tis the soul Ye seek.
Lo I am here. I come, I speak, I live again
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It would appear from my research, moreover, that my discoveries apply not only to the troubles that I have already mentioned (and with which I have had personal experience), but also **they apply in great measure to most other troubles** —such as appendicitis, asthma, cataracts, stomach ulcers, diabetes, arthritis or rheumatism, headaches, feelings of fear and insecurity, cancer, tuberculosis, and even stuttering.

That you can benefit from my experience is beyond doubt. Even if you are in good health now, you can improve it. And over a period of time you cannot fail to **save yourself and family many dollars** in needless health expenses.

The story of my discoveries, embodying the knowledge of which I speak and specific instructions, I have published in a small treatise. New and revised it sells for $3. You are very welcome to try my treatise for a few days before deciding to keep it. **Within two days you should feel some results.**

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SPIRITUALISM
Appeals To The INTELLECT

IT IS A *Universal Religion*

By DORTCH CAMPBELL

Do *you* really believe down deep in your heart in Survival? Do *you* believe so implicity in the continuity of life that *your* life is lifted up by that idea? Believe in God's evolution so greatly that *you* are willing to sacrifice *yourself* if needs be that *you* may be a witness for this truth for others?

A true believer of anything does not hesitate but is desirous of enlightening others so that what one knows in oneself to be true and illuminating can also be made known to others that they may gain light and power.

A person who has found Truth is impelled to carry it unto others. He becomes a torchbearer or an evangel in proportion to his gifts for influencing others. *You*, yourself, are one of the pioneers of the new but old religion. It is *your* duty to share it that it may brighten the lives of others.

What Protagonists Believe

You often wonder why such a plain and natural and normal religion does not sweep the earth in seven league boots. *Spiritualism appeals to the intellect.* The Soul accepts it gladly. It is spiritually grasped and understood. There is no straining of commonsense and intelligence when you believe. Proof of the Truth has been piling up century by century since the beginning of Time. Then why is it not the *universal religion?*

The chief reason perhaps is that its protagonists do not believe sufficiently in that which they claim to believe to share it with others. True faith comes out of the heart and in their hearts they doubt. It does not seem possible that you and I and the rest have been granted the privilege of eternal life. The human mind has always been like that, doubting, disbelieving in the good.

Be Not Faithless

Every generation is skeptical like *Thomas* called *Didymus* who would not believe until he could see in his hands the print of the nails, and put his fingers into the print of the nails and thrust his hands into his side.

But, for them and for all, the *Cosmic Voice* speaks now as it did then, "Be not faithless, but believing." We scoff at those who disbelieved in railroad, steamboat, telephone, telegraph, motor car, airplane and radio. But those who doubt in the beautiful and wonderful destiny for the human race in this and other worlds are as numerous as the sands of the sea. Many persons believe now in marvelous possibilities for the development of inventions. *Not many persons believe in the infinite possibilities of evolution of man.*

Fettered to Unbelief

So you doubt survival or the immortality of the soul? No? But do you, as the millions do, merely look upon the soul as merely a wraith from whom all human vestments shall be removed when the time of passing comes? Then you do *not* believe at all in survival or the immortality of the soul. You merely believe in your beliefs; and though one rose from the dead it is quite possible you would not believe otherwise.

It is a sad fact that there are millions who will not have faith in the soul and its immortality. Why is this? Possibly it is because they are *young souls;* it may be that this generation is their first incarnation. As to this I have no way of knowing; I only know that there are those who are fettered to unbelief.

Spiritual Development

There are those who are curious regarding psychical phenomena; curiosity is a primary instinct. But you will never be able to produce enough psychical phenomena, even though startling, to change their minds. I know they were not born with sufficient spiritual development. There is no light in their minds to show them how natural and normal the transition from life-to-death is and should be.

Such persons like *Thomas* called *Didymus* are willing to accept all they see and touch. They are materialists; they believe, they say, in a real world. That being so one would think that it should be easy to prove to them a world so real as the after-life.

The fact of the continuity of life is accepted by many persons *without scientific study or investigation.* This understanding is grounded in the heart of all persons who are in some degree developed spiritually. There is no especial learning required. Such persons live at a higher level of consciousness than their fellows.

What Do YOU Believe?

You can gauge a person's spirituality, if not intellectuality, if you can receive a sincere answer to the question, *Do you believe that life continues without interruption beyond the grave?*

To that question you will doubtless receive all sorts of answers—some vague and mixed with a religious bias and others pointed and unequivocal. Actually, you can develop from the answers a very brilliant study in human nature.

Spiritualism seems to be a part of some persons as soon as they are born. I know that I felt that life went on and on before I could lisp in numbers for the numbers came as a child. Certainly, I felt that there is something better than we have known long decades before I heard of the *Fox Sisters* or got hold of the books of *Swedenborg* and *Andrew Jackson Davis.*

Such Inconsistency

Nor is my experience at all unique. You can go into the highways and byways of American life and discover persons of all degrees of learning and success who will tell you that as long as they can remember they have been inspired to believe in an *After Life.*

In the churches, too, you will find men and women who accept what is offered them because of their reverence for God and the Master but who are nevertheless discontented and who ask questions in their hearts when their pastors portray a hell of fire and horrors on one Sunday and the next Sunday discourses on a God of love.

They ask themselves, *How can there be such an inconsistency?* But they never get an answer unless perchance they are led by fortuitous evolution to a study of this movement. I think that all who are born with the inspiration of Survival are the *old souls* who have been here over and over again and have learned.

Religionists generally ridicule every religious belief except that in which they are trained. There are those who will not read a book that is antagonistic to their way of thinking. But how are we to ever know the Truth unless we travel afar?

Afraid of the Truth?

Individuals like *Thomas* approach spiritualistic phenomena cautiously. We should all be cautious lest we are led astray. I find no fault with such persons; all we should ask of any person is to find out all that is possible regarding any subject. But let us approach this question from every conceivable angle. Let us learn all we can.

The greatest enemies of the religion of survival are those who are completely ignorant of the irrefutable *scientific proof of survival.* They do not know of what has been done and what has been discovered, they do not wish to know and they do not intend to learn anything about it. Mostly, they are the *young souls* who lack sense-perception of Truth. They are actually afraid to know the Truth; they are afraid that their beliefs may be changed.

Willing to Invest?

A sincere skeptic may approach any new subject cautiously. *But he will approach.* He is not afraid to know even that which is untrue. Such men and women are of scientific mind. They learn all there is to know both for and against a thing. There are many persons of the scientific mind who have turned to Spiritualism in the last fifty or seventy-five years. They have done more for the cause than others of perhaps more brilliant minds.

Are you really interested in advancing the case for Survival? Do you really have faith and doubt not? Or do you think there are too many mountains in the way for you to make known the inalterable fact that we awaken gloriously from the sleep called death precisely as we are?

You are one of the pioneers and it is your bounden duty to do your part in spreading the gospel. And if you have faith and doubt not it can be easily done. You can transform your fellows without saying a word — indeed, I think you will be wise to keep silent on the question of so wonderful a truth as survival. All you have to do is place books in the hands of others. How much are you willing to invest in the faith you profess to believe in?

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Thirteen Ministers Attend the Ceremony

Psychic Observer

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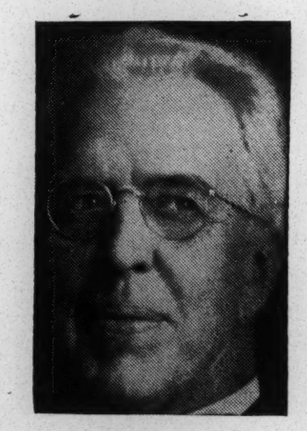

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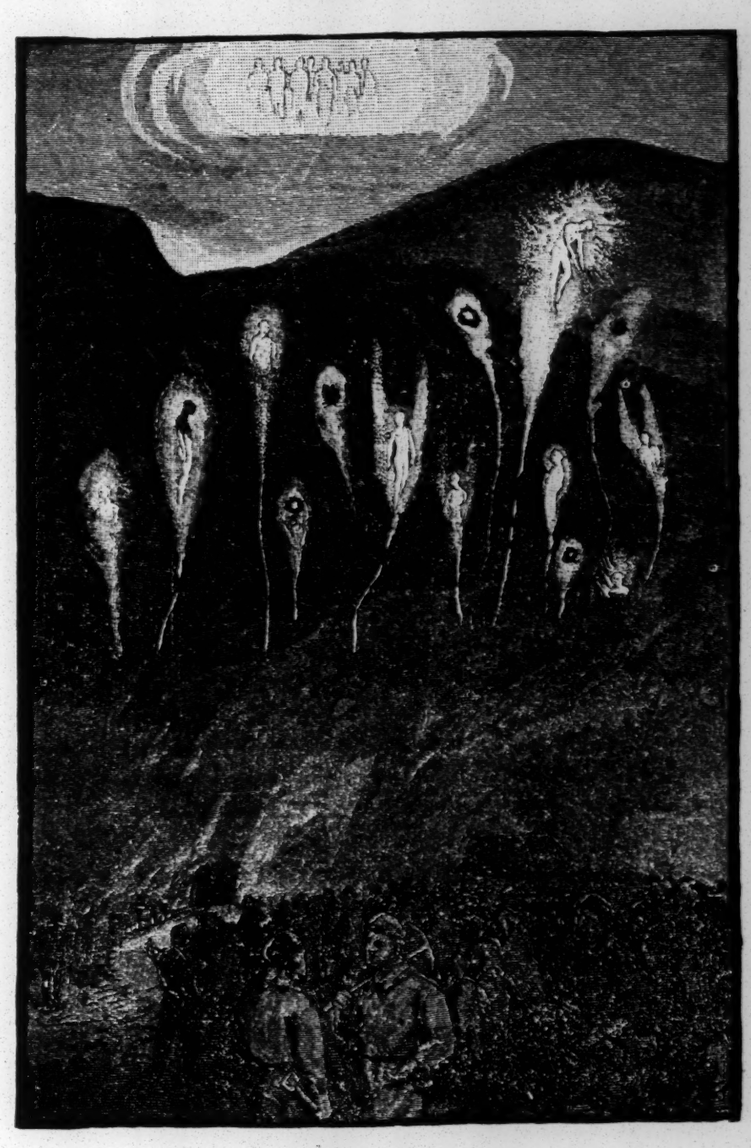

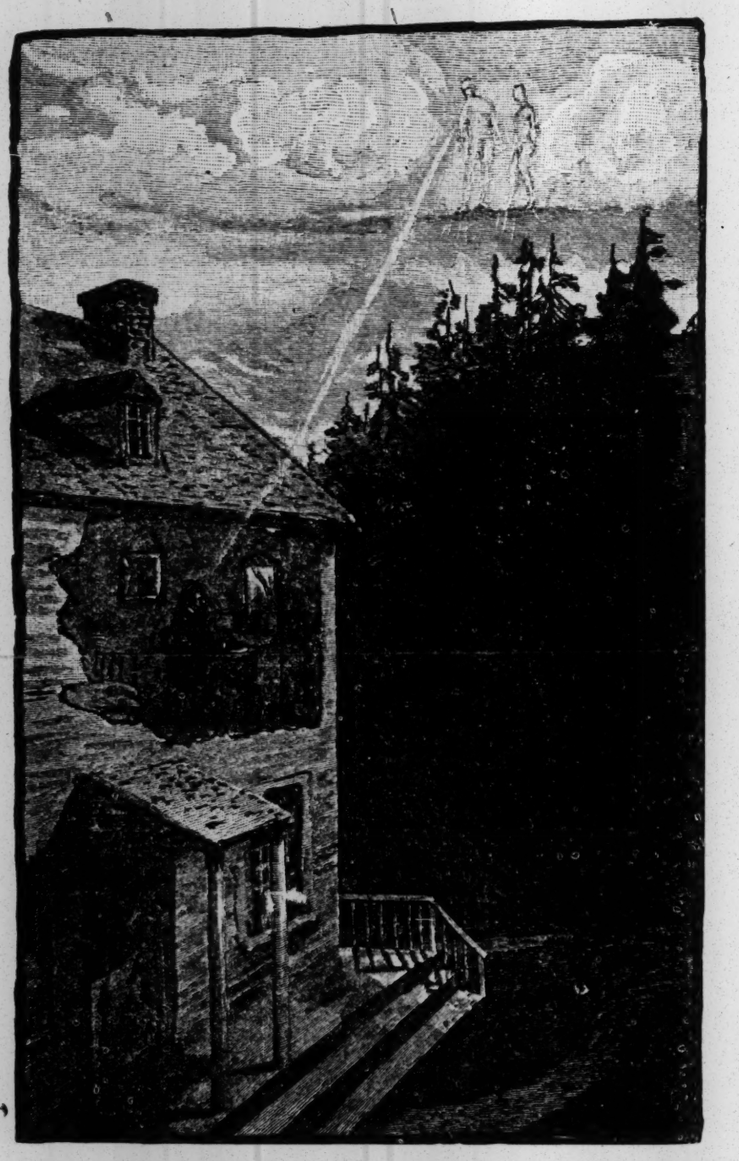

Death in a Coal Mine — THE ESCAPE →

"Earth's influences predominated with them over all celestial attractions but their souls appeared to ascend rapidly—enabling them to accomplish emancipation from their material bodies . . . and then enthusiasm beamed upon their faces, their eyes opened upon the angel group above and their new life seemed a divine ecstasy."—A.J.D.

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← **CLAIRAUDIENCE—Receiving a psychophonic message.**

The heavens are "opened"; the celestial light is "descending"; the recipient hears a "voice from heaven"—a proper interpretation of Matt. iii:17, which reads: "Lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and lo, a voice from heaven saying, This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."—A.J.D.

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Second Stage of Apotheosis—BURIED ALIVE →

"Entranced and enraptured I watched the wonderful process of spirit-birth. I saw the blooming of this immortal flower and the formation of an ultimate glorified body, and from the dark ozone beneath . . . Behold, an angel human being!"—A.J.D.

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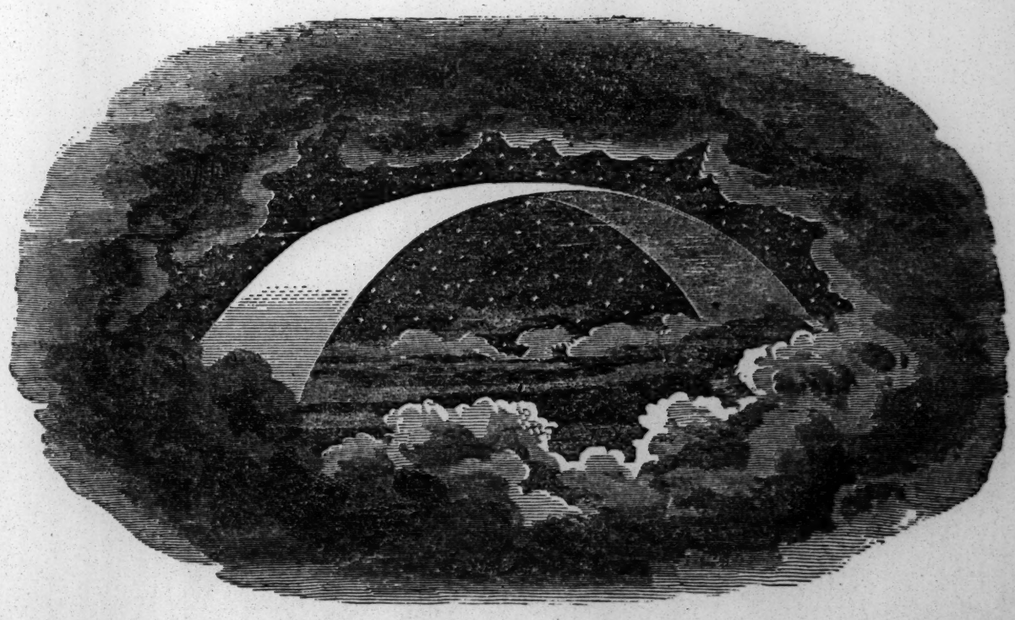
← **SCENE IN A NEW YORK HOSPITAL**

"I beheld two death scenes. Each patient's four extremities were deserted of vitality simultaneously. A fleecy steam-cloud ascended about three feet and assumed the form of an inverted pyramid which was, by a strong psychical cord, attached to the solar ganglia, a sort of a linea alba tube through which flowed, with lightning rapidity and vividness, the indestructible essences that were hastening to take their appropriate positions in the incorruptible body of spirit."

—A.J.D.

THE MILKY WAY → **within which is found the SUMMERLAND zone.**

"If I have told you of earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?"

—testimony of Mary's son as recorded in the New Testament.